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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroaki TAKAIWA et al. Group Art Unit: 2882

Application No.: 10/587,268 Examiner: M. LIU

Filed: July 26, 2006 Docket No.: 128865

For: IMMERSION EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING

METHOD WITH LIQUID DETECTION APPARATUS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the March 5, 2010 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and Remarks.